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News from Nicola's Books - June 2010

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Upcoming Events at Nicola's Books



WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIME - EVERY SATURDAY AT 11 AM

An experienced teller spins yarns for the 7 & under set.

JUNE 12TH - Stay after story time and meet Curious George!

MEET THE AUTHOR - GERALD RAY SMITH - THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD AT 7 PM

Meet author **Gerald Ray Smith** and illustrator **Emily Damstra** as they discuss their *Guide to Great Lakes Fishes*, which describes sixty-two of the region's most commonly found species, from giants like the sturgeon all the way down to the minnows and shiners, some of the Lakes' smallest residents. Printed on waterproof paper!



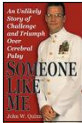
WASHTENAW LITERACY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - MONDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 10 AM

Washtenaw Literacy will be holding an orientation meeting for anyone interested in tutoring adults in the area who need help with reading and writing. No teaching experience is required. Full training is provided.



MEET THE AUTHOR - JOHN W. QUINN - TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 7 PM

Despite being born with cerebral palsy, **John W. Quinn** had a dream of a naval career. In his new book, *Someone Like Me*, he describes how he overcame his condition to fulfill his dream and retired a highly decorated officer. Join us for what is sure to be an inspiring discussion.



MEET THE POET - KHALED MATTAWA - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH AT 7 PM

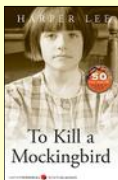
Meet Libyan poet and U of M lecturer **Khaled Mattawa** as he reads selected poems from *Tocqueville*, his fourth collection. Book signing will follow the reading.



SPECIAL EVENT - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARPER LEE'S *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*

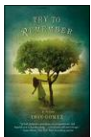
THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH AT 7 PM AT THE MICHIGAN THEATER

Jointly presented by Nicola's Books and The Michigan Theater, this event will be an evening of thought-provoking live on-stage dialogue and discussion, along with a film screening. Noted literary figures **Thomas Lynch** and **Keith Taylor**, along with 2010 Sundance Film Festival honoree filmmaker **Sultan Sharrief**, will help celebrate the publishing milestone and the equally groundbreaking film. For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit <http://michtheater.org>



MEET THE AUTHOR - IRIS GOMEZ - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7 PM

Poet and immigration lawyer **Iris Gomez** will be here with her new novel *Try to Remember*, in which she mines her own experiences in her enthralling fiction debut, the story of a family of Colombian immigrants adjusting to life in '70s-era Florida.



We hope you'll join us June 10th!

We're very much looking forward to the June 10th event at the Michigan Theater celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and we hope to see many of our customers and friends there!

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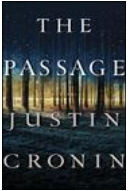
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Hot off the Presses!

The Passage

by **Justin Cronin**

The Passage immediately places itself in the upper ranks of apocalyptic literature. The story of the 100-year old child, Amy, and the small band of survivors who battle in a world dominated by creatures created by a virus will enthrall readers while at the same time providing witness to the loyalty and heroism which is inherent to humans in the darkest hours. - Bill

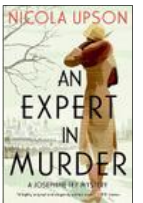


Maybe You Missed It...

An Expert in Murder

by **Nicola Upson**

I admit I was initially attracted to this book by the author's name, but then I discovered that she is writing mystery novels featuring **Josephine Tey** as amateur sleuth. I have long been a fan of **Josephine Tey's** books and **Nicola Upson** writes in a similar manner, setting her stories in England of the 1930's. If you enjoy the English intellectual style of murder mystery, then here is a new author to try. Her next book, *Angel With Two Faces*, comes out in July, and I think **Tey** would enjoy them. -Nicola



New In Paperback

The Quickening

by **Michelle Hoover**

Farming on the American prairie in the first half of the twentieth century was an arduous task and **Michelle Hoover** has written a brilliant depiction of this brutal, often desolate, existence. The story of two women, neighbors and both friends and enemies, perfectly describes a bleak lifestyle that required great courage and fortitude. Fans of the *Little House* books will have their illusion destroyed forever. -Bill



Notes from Nicola: Summer Reading

I know that New Year is the traditional time for resolutions, but how about setting yourself a Summer Reading resolution to try at least one new author? Many of us have a little more time for relaxation over the summer, and the staff at Nicola's Books are great sources of information about books you may never have heard of, but will delight you in unexpected ways. There is something comforting in reading an author or a genre that is familiar, but sometimes it is worth breaking new ground and exploring literary territory

that is unknown to you. We can guide you to books that are different enough to be interesting, but not so far out of your range that you won't enjoy them. And, as always, our suggestions are 100% satisfaction guaranteed. If you don't enjoy our suggestions after the first chapter or two, bring them back and exchange them for a better choice. Life is too full of books you will enjoy to waste time on any that don't grab you!



Upcoming Releases

JUNE 1ST

The Spy by *Clive Cussler*
 Robert Ludlum's™ The Bourne Objective by *Eric Van Lustbader*
 The Burning Wire by *Jeffery Deaver*
 Bullet by *Laurell K. Hamilton*
 The Rule of Nine by *Steve Martini*
 My Name Is Memory by *Ann Brashares*
 Cum Laude by *Cecily von Ziegesar*
 I Know I Am, but What Are You? by *Samantha Bee*
 Seaworthy by *Linda Greenlaw*
 Beautiful Maria of My Soul by *Oscar Hijuelos*
 The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by *Aimee Bender*
 Role Models by *John Waters*
 Fairies and the Quest for Never Land by *Gail Carson Levine*
 Warriors: Battles of the Clans by *Erin Hunter*

JUNE 2ND

Hitch-22 by *Christopher Hitchens*

JUNE 8TH

The Lion by *Nelson DeMille*
 Dog Blood by *David Moody*
 Infinity by *Sherrilyn Kenyon*
 The Passage by *Justin Cronin*
 Death Echo by *Elizabeth Lowell*
 Medium Raw by *Anthony Bourdain*
 Backseat Saints by *Joshilyn Jackson*
 Insatiable by *Meg Cabot*
 Scout, Atticus, and Boo by *Mary McDonagh Murphy*
 Insignificant Others by *Stephen McCauley*
 Dork Diaries by *Rachel Renee Russell*

JUNE 15TH

Whiplash by *Catherine Coulter*
 Frankenstein: Lost Souls by *Dean Koontz*
 Naamah's Curse by *Jacqueline Carey*
 Lowcountry Summer by *Dorothea Benton Frank*
 That Perfect Someone by *Johanna Lindsey*
 Promises to Keep by *Jane Green*
 The Nobodies Album by *Carolyn Parkhurst*
 Between a Heart and a Rock Place by *Pat Benatar*
 Stories by *Neil Gaiman and Al Sarrantonio*
 How Did You Get This Number: Essays by *Sloane Crosley*
 Spies of the Balkans by *Alan Furst*
 Crispin: The End of Time by *Avi*

JUNE 22ND

Sizzling Sixteen by *Janet Evanovich*
 Hungry Girl Happy Hour by *Lisa Lillien*
 The Devil Colony by *James Rollins*
 Pray for Silence by *Linda Castillo*
 In My Father's House by *E. Lynn Harris*
 A Desirable Residence by *Madeleine Wickham*
 Broken by *Karin Slaughter*
 Last Night at Chateau Marmont by *Lauren Weisberger*
 In the Name of Honor by *Richard North Patterson*
 Come to Win by *Venus Williams*
 The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet by *David Mitchell*

JUNE 29TH

Keys to the Repository by *Melissa De La Cruz*
 Only the Good Spy Young by *Ally Carter*

For Kids of All Ages The Secret Lives of Princesses

by *Philippe Lechermeier*
 If someone in your life is fascinated by princesses but has outgrown Disney – and you'd like to find something a bit less traditional and syrupy-sweet – try this book. Through clever writing and luminous illustrations you will meet, among others, Princess Oblivia, who has missed the same train 727 times and Princess Miss Hap (you can imagine). You'll find things you had missed before every time you open this unique book. – *Jessie*



Young Reader

Nathaniel Hudd, Beastologist: The Basilisk's Lair

by *R.L. LaFevers*
 Nathaniel is a shy, sensitive boy, a boy who is frightened at the thought of going on explorations like his parents do. When they disappear at sea he is sent to live with his aunt and she quickly pulls Nathaniel into her adventurous lifestyle traveling to unusual places to study rare mythological creatures. For kids ready to move on from Magic Tree House series, this is the second book in a new series about a very likable boy. – *Linda*



Young Reader

Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots

by *Abby McDonald*
 Jenna is a city teen who constantly preaches the three "R's" and fights for any cause to save the environment. When her mom sends her to a rural town in Canada to stay with family for the summer she finds that her passionate "Going Green" ideas are not welcome in the small struggling town. After many blunders, Jenna realizes that she can stay true to her ideas without being obsessive to the point of being obnoxious. - *Linda*

